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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the loss of jobs in the Community following
the introduction of microprocessors

PE 70.614

The European Parliament,

- noting that according to the International Labour Organization (ILO) the application of microprocessors to office work in the next five years will jeopardize the jobs of 5 million Europeans;
 - noting that certain economists have asserted that while microprocessors may cause the loss of some jobs in the short term, they will create new jobs in the long term, whereas other economists have calculated that even on the most optimistic figures, by 1987 new microprocessor applications would create no more than a million new jobs in France, the United Kingdom and the United States;
 - noting that this figure is rather low compared with that of the ILO on job losses and that therefore it cannot be expected that the unemployment created in the short term will be offset by the creation of new jobs;
1. Requests the Commission and the Council to implement all the measures necessary to enable the Community effectively to combat the adverse effects on employment of the generalized use of data processing in the Community economy;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the Commission.